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9	BEFORE THE
10	BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
11	STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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13	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 2008-187
14	MARK ALAN McSHARRY P.O. Box 684  ACCUSATION
15	Rutherford, California 94573-0079
16	Registered Nurse License No. 469684
17	Respondent.
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19	Ruth Ann Terry, M.P.H., R.N. ("Complainant") alleges:
20	<u>PARTIES</u>
21	1. Complainant brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the
22	Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board"), Department of Consumer
23	Affairs.
24	2. On or about January 31, 1991, the Board issued Registered Nurse License
25	Number 469684 to Mark Alan McSharry ("Respondent"). The license expired on July 31, 2005,
26	and has not been renewed.
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### 1 JURISDICTION 2 Business and Professions Code ("Code") section 2750 provides, in 3. 3 pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a 4 temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 5 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act. 6 4 Code section 2764 provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a 7 license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding 8 against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under Code 9 section 2811(b), the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after the 10 expiration. STATUTORY PROVISIONS 11 5. 12 Code section 2761(a) states, in pertinent part, that the Board may take 13 disciplinary action against a licensed nurse for unprofessional conduct. 14 6. Code section 2762 states: 15 In addition to other acts constituting unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter [the Nursing Practice Act], it is unprofessional conduct for a person licensed under this chapter to do any of the following: 16 17 (a) Obtain or possess in violation of law, or prescribe, or except as directed by a licensed physician and surgeon, dentist, or podiatrist administer to himself or herself, or furnish or administer to another, any controlled substance as 18 defined in Division 10 (commencing with Section 11000) of the Health and Safety 19 Code or any dangerous drug or dangerous device as defined in Section 4022. 20 COST RECOVERY 21 7. Code section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or 22 23 violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case. 24 25 /// 26 /// 27 ///

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## **DRUGS**

- 8. "Demerol," a brand of meperidine hydrochloride, a derivative of pethidine, is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055(c)(17).
- 9. "Versed" is a brand name for Midazolam Hydrochloride and a Schedule IV controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057(d)(21).

### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Obtained, Possessed and Self-Administered Controlled Substances)

- 10. Respondent is subject to discipline under Code section 2761(a), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct as defined in Code section 2762(a), in that on or about September 14, 2004, while employed as the Outpatient Surgery Center Unit Coordinator at St. Helena Hospital, Deer Creek, California, Respondent did the following:
- a. Obtained Demerol and Versed, controlled substances, by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation or subterfuge or by the concealment of a material fact, in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11173(a), by drawing up vials of medications in preparation for patients who were scheduled to have medical procedures performed, withdrawing the contents of the vials, refilling the vials with saline, then taking the medications for his own personal use.
- b. Possessed Demerol and Versed, controlled substances, in violation of Code section 4060, in that Respondent did not have a prescription for those controlled substances.

# **DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS**

To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent,

Complainant alleges that on or about February 15, 1992, in a prior disciplinary action entitled In
the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against Mark Alan McSharry before the Board of
Registered Nursing, in Case Number 1992-36, respondent's application for licensure was denied
based on two criminal convictions. The license denial was stayed and the respondent was issued
a probationary license that was placed on probation for three years. Respondent successfully
completed his probation on February 14, 1995. That decision is now final and is incorporated by

reference as if fully set forth. 1 2 **PRAYER** 3 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision: 4 5 Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 469684, issued 1. to Mark Alan McSharry; 6 7 2. Ordering Mark Alan McSharry to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the 8 reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Code section 125.3; and, 9 10 Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper. 3. DATED: 12/13/02 11 12 13 **Executive Officer** Board of Registered Nursing 14 Department of Consumer Affairs 15 State of California Complainant 16 17 SF2006400513 Accusation (kdg) 11/26/07 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

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